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Political Indoctrination

1. [redacted] at these meetings, officials from the county (Kun) people's committee delivered speeches something to the following effect: "A large quantity of aid goods are now arriving in North Korea from friendly Communist nations. Rehabilitation works are progressing in each county (Kun) and city throughout North Korea. Rehabilitation works will soon start on war-damaged villages also. If each individual concentrates his best efforts on industrial work and carry out his responsibility, we will all be able to enjoy a luxurious life in the near future." This kind of meeting was held on the average of approximately once a month.

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Non-Communist Publications

2. [redacted] there were still some leaflets on the mountains [redacted] --leaflets which were scattered during the war by airplanes of the Free Camp. [redacted] villagers were not in a situation wherein they could read Communist publications or non-Communist publications. Even if they should come under any circumstances where they could read non-Communist publications, they would not dare to do so, being afraid of Communist officials.

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Non-Communist Broadcasts

3. There were no electrical facilities [redacted] It is presumed that listening to either non-Communist broadcasts or anti-Communist broadcasts was strictly prohibited by the government authorities. Even if a radio should come into the hands of villagers, none of them would dare to listen to non-Communist broadcasts.

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Communist Government4. Communist Staff Members vis-a-vis Local Population

Threatening fellow villagers who were not achieving their production quotas, the Communist staff members [redacted] occasionally declared that the villagers were unpatriotic and that their grain ration would be cut off. The general public holds animosity against these Communist staff members, but none of them dares to express this feeling openly.

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5. Particularly Oppressive Regulations or Restrictive Matters

Villagers were forcefully mobilized for road-construction works, weeding, and various other manual jobs. All these directives are relayed to the general public through neighborhood chiefs (Pan-jang), who are also responsible for implementation of these directives. [redacted]

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[redacted] anybody would have been labeled as a reactionary if the individual should have been pointed out for some misdemeanor by his neighborhood chief (Pan-jang).

6. Customs and Traditions Deteriorated by Communism

Prior to the Communist take-over of North Korea, the residents [redacted] used to offer prayers to the spirits of their ancestors for an abundant fish catch, and they also consulted fortunetellers. But such practices have been completely stopped, and the various religious rituals have also been abolished. Above everything else, the general public wishes that they would be allowed to practice their various religious rituals just as before.

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7. Difficulties Faced by Communism

Food shortages posed serious problems in Hamgyōng-do. [redacted]

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[redacted] almost all of their crop yield expropriated by the government in the form of various kinds of taxes during the summers of 1954 and 1955, the residents of a certain locality in Hamgyōng-namdo were not only starving to death in a great number, but they also resorted to killing people with daggers to plunder food. The hunger-stricken residents [redacted] did not comply with government's call for labor works, thus causing a serious problem for the Communists. The villagers merely complained and did not attend meetings, no matter the type of meeting, on the pretext of this and that.

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